



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6307

House of Representatives, April 1, 2015

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT REQUIRING POWER-ASSISTED DOORS AT ELDERLY HOUSING COMPLEXES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) For the purposes of
2 this section, "housing authority", "housing partnership", "housing
3 project" and "elderly persons" have the same meanings as provided in
4 section 8-113a of the general statutes.

5 (b) Not later than January 1, 2017, each housing authority,
6 municipal developer, nonprofit corporation or housing partnership
7 operating a housing project for elderly persons pursuant to part VI of
8 chapter 128 of the general statutes shall install and maintain
9 automatically activated doors to provide access to any community
10 room and laundry room in each housing project for elderly persons.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section
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PS *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in no state or municipal impact by requiring operators of certain elderly housing projects to install and maintain an emergency power generation system.

The bill may result in potential costs to local housing authorities, which are autonomous governmental entities, to the extent that those housing facilities managed by housing authorities are not equipped with such doors.¹ The cost associated with each automatic door is approximately \$2,000 to \$2,500 each.

The bill does not provide state funds for this program. It is therefore anticipated that the managers of such facilities would need to either raise rents or divert funds from other maintenance projects in order to finance the generator.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Source: *Disabilitysystems.com*

¹ Housing authorities are autonomous governmental entities which are financed through rental collections (CGS 8-45) and the issuance of bonds (CGS 8-52). They may also accept federal and state grants (CGS 8-56) as well as donations from municipalities (CGS 8-61).

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6307*****AN ACT REQUIRING POWER-ASSISTED DOORS AT ELDERLY HOUSING COMPLEXES.*****SUMMARY:**

By January 1, 2017, this bill requires certain entities that operate elderly housing projects to install and maintain automatic doors to provide access to any community room and laundry room in each such project they maintain.

The bill applies to housing authorities, municipal developers, nonprofit corporations, or housing partnerships that operate housing projects for people age 62 or older with limited finances or who are disabled.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

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